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EYES ONLY FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM SHLAUDEMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF CORVALAN

1. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE SOVIETS AND CHILEANS HAVE
COME TO AN AGREEMENT TO EXCHANGE CORVALAN AND BUKOVSKIY.
THE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THROUGH OUR GOOD OFFICES.

2. CORVALAN AND HIS WIFE ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART
SANTIAGO FRIDAY AFTERNOON THE 17TH FOR ZURICH ON
LUFTHANSA FLIGHT 505. THE EXCHANGE WILL TAKE PLACE
IN ZURICH. WE HAVE ARRANGED WITH TRUCCO FOR THE
CHILEANS TO CONFIRM THE DEPARTURE SO THAT WE CAN
INFORM THE SOVIETS.

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3. UNTIL THE EXCHANGE TAKES PLACE YOU SHOULD MENTION
IT TO NO ONE. WE WANT TO TAKE EVERY POSSIBLE PRE-
CAUTION TO AVOID LEAKS. SOME WORD MAY GET OUT IN
SANTIAGO IF AND WHEN CORVALAN IS SEEN BOARDING THE
PLANE. BUT TRUCCO HAS ASSURED THE SOVIETS THAT THE
GOC WILL SAY NOTHING AND THAT THERE WILL BE NO LEAK

ON THE EXCHANGE ITSELF.

4. WE EXPECT BOTH SIDES TO ISSUE STATEMENTS AFTER THE FACT. WE PLAN TO CONFINE OURSELVES TO CONFIRMING THAT THE USG PROVIDED GOOD OFFICES AND ASSISTANCE WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE REQUEST OF BOTH SIDES. YOU SHOULD DO THE SAME THERE IN THE ABSENCE OF OTHER GUIDANCE.

5. WE ASSUME THAT CORVALAN WILL GO ON TO THE SOVIET UNION. BUKOVSKIY'S WISHES ARE UNKNOWN. HE WILL BE GRANTED ADMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES IF HE WANTS TO COME HERE.
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